

SITUATION REPORT NO. 16
INCIDENT NO. 2001-103
DATE: November 13, 2001 TIME: 1:30 p.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Heightened Security – Heightened security initiatives are being implemented/recommended.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: No deaths and injuries have occurred in North Dakota as a result of terrorist activities.
3. DAMAGES: No change from previous reports.
4. RESOURCES:
LOCAL: No change from previous reports.
STATE: No change from previous reports.
FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTION: No change from previous reports.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: On November 9, Governor John Hoeven ordered a 25 percent increase over the existing deployment level of National Guard personnel at the state's commercial airports. This action was based on a nationwide request to state governors by President Bush. Federal funding has been authorized for this latest deployment until January 6.

Newly deployed personnel received security training through the Federal Aviation Administration. Guardsmen may perform functions that include securing perimeter control, monitoring passenger and baggage screening points, manning curbside activity and access points to terminal ramps, and maintaining control of general aviation facilities.

County and tribal emergency managers have submitted information, which documents activities designed to promote terrorism preparedness. Suspicious item actions have been reported in 29 counties and three reservations. Homeland security coordination meetings have been conducted in 39 counties. Officials in forty-two counties have reexamined initial risk assessments and vulnerability analyses to identify additional potential threats. Thirty-nine counties have reviewed water supply security plans or have recently developed these plans. Security plan reviews for other types of utilities have occurred in 27 counties. Preparedness reviews concerning special holiday considerations have been conducted in 25 counties. Four counties bordering Canada indicated increased

border security responsibility. Issues of food safety were discussed in 15 counties. Officials in 38 counties have reviewed the strengths and shortcomings in their emergency operation plans for health and medical facilities. Plans concerned with transportation, dam safety, schools, commercial businesses, and other critical facilities have been analyzed by 33 counties. Discussion and implementation of increased security/mitigation measures occurred in 23 counties. Thirty-two counties have involved public partners while 23 have included private partners in homeland security activities.

Development of a local anthrax/health protocol has been completed in 34 counties. Thirty-nine counties have established mail safeguards. Protocols for transportation of suspicious materials have been established in 32 counties. In developing bio-terrorism/health protocols, 41 counties involved law enforcement departments, 38 counties involved fire departments, 37 counties had representation from health personnel, 36 counties had city representation, and 24 counties involved dispatch personnel. First responder training has occurred or has been scheduled in 13 counties. Terrorism tabletops have been completed or have been scheduled in 25 counties. Public information campaigns have occurred in 24 counties. Twenty-five counties have held multiple homeland security meetings or have established dates for additional meetings.

Officials from the N.D. Department of Health have issued new Interim Guidelines for Responding to Suspicious Mail, Parcels or Substances Involving a Possible Bioterrorism Event. The information is available at:
www.state.nd.us/dem/HomeSec.html

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: None at this time.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: None at this time.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: The level of Devils Lake at Creel Bay was 1,447.10 feet this morning while the level of Stump Lake level measured 1,411.89 feet.

The N.D. Division of Emergency Management's Situation Reports are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is <http://www.state.nd.us/dem>.

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